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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 01-661-A)

In re Application of:)
Chad A. Mirkin, et al.) Examiner: T. Strzelecka
Serial No. 10/034,451) Group Art Unit: 1637
Filed: December 28, 2001) Confirmation No. 9317
For: NON-ALLOYING CORE SHELL NANOPARTICLES)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments and response to the Office action dated June 17, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend the application as shown below.